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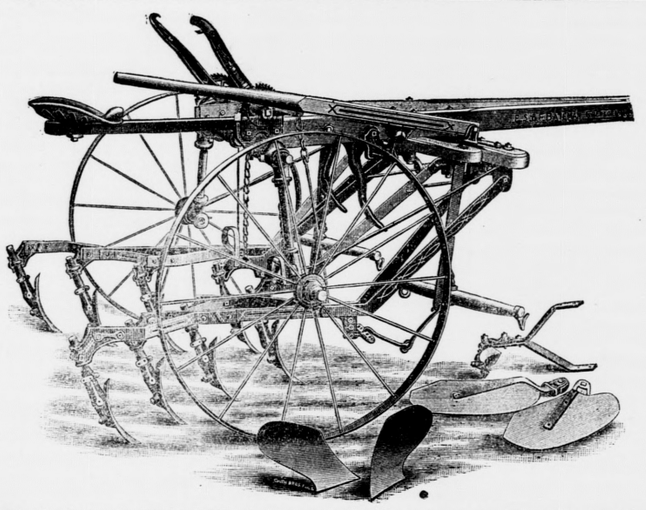

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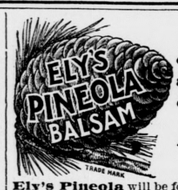

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As Others See Us

SURELY Delaware republicans have learned a lesson. It is time to rid the party of the selfish men who would rule or ruin, and to see ourselves as others see, to get an outside view of self, as it were, may help to bring the good and true men in the party together. Our neighbor, the *Cecil Whig*, comments as follows upon "The Delaware Disgrace:"

"The lame and impotent conclusion to the unseemly struggle of the Republicans of Delaware over the election of a United States Senator, is a mortifiying object lesson to every sincere Republican in the country.

The announcement that Delaware had gone Republican was naturally one of the special congratulations of the great political contest of 1894.

For years the people of that State had been held in subservient bondage for the political uses of a few families of prominence, whose individual right to rule seemingly assumed the shape of a kingly prerogative.

For generations of these families, the organic and statuotry law had been framed seemingly to suit the aspirations and ambitions of the gentlemen "born to rule."

The common people had no political rights these historic families were bound to respect.

The three counties of the State, vested with Senatorial representation at Washington equal to the great Empire States of the Union, became the pocket boroughs of this privileged class, whose individual political records became the record of the State itself.

It was therefore a marked triumph of free popular government when the hereditary leaders of a fossilized Bourbonism were defeated at the polls, and the promise of a better political era dawned on Delaware.

Plainly there was but one way for the Republicans to justify the public confidence which their accession to power imposed upon them, *viz*: to show themselves worthy exponents of Republican principles and deserving public servants.

How they have failed to do this, is written over with the suspicion of corruption, and blackened by the taint of political debauchery.

If the Republican party of Delaware is to have a future it must be rid of the men whose open treason to the principles they profess has brought ineffacable disgrace upon their State.

There can be no room in any honest Republican organization in Delaware for the men who have just brought their party into public contempt.

The situation will be a test of the character and morality of Delaware Republicanism.

If Delaware Republicans of intelligence and honesty do not rid themselves of the men who have disgraced them, they will fully merit the humiliation they have themselves suffered, and which their unworthy party associates have placed upon Republicans everywhere.—*Cecil Whig.*

Rev. Robert Watt, pastor of Scott M. E. Church, Wilmington, referred to public affairs in his sermon on Sunday evening, May 12, and is reported as follows on the Senatorial matter:

"In our judgment, the failure to elect a worthy citizen to represent the state in the United States Senate involves the members of the legislature who are responsible for it, in a grave breach of faith and a culpable neglect of duty.

It is painfully mortifying to every intelligently patriotic citizen of the state, whatever may be his party affiliations, to have it current without contradiction, that the real obstacle in the way of an agreement upon the part of the majority in the choice of a Senator was a fancied or actual obligation for financial assistance in carrying the election last fall. No legitimate expenditure of money for election purposes however large or generous, can justify the giver in basing a claim thereon for public office, which, as a public trust, should always be conferred with faithful regard to the best interests of the people, and never as a matter of merchandise.

Republicans from Maine to California are profoundly disappointed at the indecisive termination of the prolonged Senatorial contest at Dover. What patriotism, regard for the interests of Delaware and loyalty to Republicanism demanded was the unquestioned election of a straightforward and competent Republican to the vacant United States Senatorship. The actual result is, that while Colonel Henry A. Dupont, a capable and worthy citizen of Delaware, has been chosen by a majority of Republicans as Senator, his title is doubtful, and it is altogether uncertain whether he will be pronounced legally elected by the Senate itself.

This lamentable condition of affairs is chiefly due to the persistence of Mr. Addicds in remaining in the field long after it was evident that his election was impossible. Ex-Senator Higgins manfully withdrew from the conflict when he became convinced that further efforts on his part to secure re election would imperil Republican prospects. Addicks refused to release his supporters; and the four Republican votes cast for him at the last deprived Dupont of the clear majority over all which he needed to make his election absolutely certain.

There are thirty members in the Delaware Legislature when every seat is filled. Upon Governor Marvil's death, Watson, the Democratic Speaker of the Senate, assumed the duties of the Governorship. Notwithstanding this fact he appeared in the Capitol at Dover as a member of the Legislature on Thursday, and the Democrats assert that his presence makes the choice of Dupont by fifteen Republicans null and void, since, if Watson is counted as legislator, sixteen votes were required to elect. Whe her one man can at the same time be the Governor of the State of Delaware and a member of the legislative body is the question upon which the whole matter now hinges. The final decision of Dupont's status rests with the United States Senate, in which Populists hold the balance of power. What the Senate's action will be it is impossible to predict. One thing only is evident. The Republicans of Delaware have thrown away a magnificent opportunity to insure the control of the Senate of the United State by the Republican party."—*Morning Advertiser*, New York, May, 11.

THE UNPAID CLAIMS.

The following claims against the State were passed upon and allowed by the committee on claims in the General Assembly, passed by the House but the Senate failed to pass upon them, and it is possible the claimants may have to wait another two years for the money:

Seaford News, $86.20; Conference Herald, $11.50; S. Roop, $11; J. A. Prettyman, $7.95; E. D. C. Hegeman, $4.80; Sussex Journal, $142.50; M. W. Clark, $150; Delaware Democrat, $419.13; Sussex Countain, $225; Delaware Pilot, $37.03; Clayton Call, $83.65; Smyrna Times, $103.66; State Sentinel, $8.70; Delaware Ledger, $50.25; News Publishing Company, $118.60; Journal Publishing Company, $403.70; Sunday Star, 44 45; Middletown New Era, 627.40; Middletown Transcript, 6; D. W. Elkinton, 20; C. H. Sentman, 7; Delaware Farm and Home, 20.60; Wilmington Freie Presse, 9.60; Dover Index, 317; Milford Chronicle, 66.35; same 38.25; John F. Saulsbury, 186; Laurel Gazette, (J. A. Prettyman) 5; Diamond Printing Co., 12; A. J. Cooch, 6; H. L. Hynson, 19; C. W. Kenney, 100; Delawarean, 275; Every Evening, 348.10; Sussex Republican, 32.45; Jas. C. Tomlinson, 44; Alfred C. Dunn, 39; James W. Wise, 68; Wilbur Short, 34; S. L. Shaw, 12; estate of James Frazier, 24; S. K. Betts, 287.60; Dover Machine Company, 22.06; T. K. Jones & Bro., 69.89; James A. Clifton, 151.82; C. R. Ferguson & Son, 5; D. C. Montgomery, 6; Casson, Fisher & Company, 7.50; Detre & Blackburn, 15.73; Clarke & McDaniel, 283; Wilkinson & Wilkinson, 294.70; Layton & Layton, 113.16; J. S. Godwin, 17.25; Slaughter & Bice, 313.54; Megary & Son, 448.10; George W. Morgan, 160; J. P. Dulaney, 88.55; P. K. Meredith, 143.79; W. W. Knowles, 29.95; R. Tammany. 50 75; C. C. Tindal, 101.15; C. F. Thomas & Co., 700.55, A. R. Boyle, 5; G. W. Wharton, 17.50; M. E. Haman, 85; George P. Jarrell, 34.50; T. O. Culbreth, 10.05; John H. Rodney, 100; W. P. Gowin, 125.80; H. D. Griffin, 91.65; Stevenson & Slaughter, 316 85; James A. Clifton, 9; Dover Gas Light Company, 292.10; Clarke & McDaniel, 36.30; James Virden, 2; T. O. Culbreth, 1.25, S. K. Betts, 3; James Kirk & Son, 1,386.87; H. C. Conard, 10; Slaughter & Bice, 16.72.

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Righteous Indignation.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Wilmington last week adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS. The selfish ambition of John Edward Addicks has been such as to seriously embarrass the election of an United States Senator from this State; and,

WHEREAS, Robert J. Hanby, Newall Ball, Charles L. Moore and John M. Robbins have been completely regardless of their plain duty as representatives of the people in their determined opposition to the will of the majority of the Republican members of the Legislature in the election of a Republican Senator from this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Young Men's Republican Club hereby expresses its condemnation of the course pursued by the said Robert J. Hanby, Newall Ball, Charles L. Moore and John M. Robbins, and declare that these men have completely failed in this particular to represent the people of this State and have proved themselves unworthy of the trust reposed in them by the Republicans of Delaware; and

Resolved, That the unprincipled, corrupt and selfish course pursued by the said John Edward Addicks has marked him as unworthy of the recognition of the Republican party, or to be longer considered a member of that party.

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COL. DUPONT IN THE WAR.

From an excange is clipped the following interesting account of the part Delaware's new Senator-elect took in the war of the rebellion:

Henry Algernon Dupont, the new Senator from Delaware, was at the head of the first of the two classes which graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1861. Graduating as he did, the first of the class, he could have gone into the corps of engineers, but he declined the commission and chose the artillery. He gave up his graduating leave of three months and joined his battery. His commanding officer was a fine old-time soldier, whose zeal had been nearly dry-rotted in the long, dull wait for promotion of twenty years. Dupont wanted a command of his own. In the early autumn of 1861 he attained the height of his ambition, the command of a light battery. He was scarcely more than twenty-one then, but he had the finest six-gun battery of twelve-pounders in McClellan's army. And such horses! The government needed both zeal and friends, but friends particularly. Delaware marked the southeast border line of slavery.

Simon Cameron was secretary of war. The Duponts had been Democrats for three generations, but they put the union above party then. So, when old Gen. Dupont came into the secretary's office with a slender, well-set-up, black-eyed youth, one day in September, 1861, and said: "Cameron, I've a favor to ask of you," the secretary answered, "It's granted in advance." The favor wanted was permission for the young gunner to add $25 or $50 out of his own pocket to the sum allowed for artillery horses, in order that his battery might be horsed as he wanted it. And as, two months later, the battery went by the general at a trot in double column of sections the handsome boy heading it was called up to receive the compliments of Gen. McClellan and of the venerable Gen. Scott himself. He bowed low with gratified pride when Gen. McClellan said: "Yours is the handsomest battery, the best horsed and equipped that I have ever seen, Mr. Dupont. I know it will give a good account of itself in action."

Well, it did, Dupont's men know that whatever money would buy for their comfort they were sure of, but they were also aware that in action they would have the post of honor—that of the greatest danger.

Within the year the two most famous "gunners" in America—as the light artilery is called abroad—were Captain Henry Algernon Dupont, of the union regular artillery, and Major John Pelham, his old time classmate, of Stuart's horse artillery. Dupont and Pelham fought their guns alike, they both pushed them right out on the skirmish line. At all the great battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged the ring of Du-Pont's brass twelve-pounders was heard He was breveted four times for "distinguished service and gallantry in action." When the war closed he was a brevet colonel and brigadier general. He could have had the actual rank three times, but he would not leave his guns—the guns he had made famous on twenty stricken fields. Just after Chancellorsville, when Merritt and Custer were jumped, one from first lieutenant, the other a captain, to the rank of brigadier generals, Dupont was offered the same grade. "No," he said, "I'll stick to what I understand best." When the war closed and peace was made, Henry Algernon Dupont hung up his sword and took up the the business of the great powder factory at Dupont de Nemours, over a century old. At his princely home on the Brandywine he dispenses the most charming hospitality to old comrades who were in front of his guns and those who supported them.

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The season at these popular resorts commences June 22nd.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Kings' Chapel, Boston, has had but four pastors in one hundred years.

Out of 17,000,000 inhabitants of Spain, over 11,000,000 are ignorant of the art of reading or writing.

Jerusalem has a brewery which turns out some 1,500 gallons of beer annually, and in Nazareth there are fifty-three licensed places.

Beef should not remain high in price very long. It is reported that 200,000 head of cattle are now waiting in Texas and New Mexico to be transferred to Wyoming and Montana feeding grouds.

The Woman's College girls of Baltimore are to have a tennis tournament. It will begin Saturday, June 1st, and the entries will be restricted to the students who are members of the College Tennis Association.

From 1493 to 1520 an ounce of gold was equal in value to 13.3 ounces of silver. From 1521 to 1544 silver held its highest value since the discovery of America. Between the years last named 11.2 ounces of silver brought one ounce of gold. Now it requires 19.50 ounces of silver to buy an ounce of gold.

Robert Tyler Jones, the only male person born in the White House, died in Washington on Sunday. He was the son of Mary Tyler Jones, the eldest and favorite daughter of President Tyler. He served in the Confederate army as a captain and was a brave and faithful soldier. In latter years he was employed in the Treasury Department.

FENCE VIEWERS.

On Saturday, May 18th, the Court appointed the following named persons fence viewers for the ensuing year:

Appoquinimink Hundred—Mark H. Davis, I. Allison Harman, G. M. D. Hart, J. M. Rothwell, James T. Taylor G. H. Vandyke.

Blackbirk—R. C. Brockson, Alexander Deakyne, Thomas Deakyne, John A. Derrickson, John Lockerman, Alexander Lattomus, Andrew Spear, Joseph Vanpelt.

Brandywine—Thomas G. Bird, J. C. Beeson, J. W. Day, Benjamin Fraim, I. N. Grubb, J. M. Pierce, W. T. Talley, W. L. Wilson.

Christiana — William Armstrong, Lewis Dillworth, Isaac P. Foreman, J. Poulson Chandler, Samuel Killgore, J. W. Killgore, Thomas Dalton, Michael Mullen.

Mill Creek—N. J. Brackin, T. L. J. Baldwin, Spencer Chandler, Joseph Derrickson, David Eastburn, H. H. Jordan, W. A. Morrison, Oriando Megargal, Reuben Satterthwaite.

New Castle—Eli Crossan, F. H. Diehl, George Edwards, W. B. McCoy, Douglas McCoy, S. M. Porter, S. P. Roberts, A. H. Silver, William Stroup.

Pencader—R. M. Cann, Thomas Davidson, W. T. Dayett, A. J. Davidson, H. L. Dayett, G. D. Medill, J. Mahoney, W. R. Ries, C. H. Salmon, Thomas Wright.

St. Georges—Joseph Cleaver, W. R. Cochran, Charles Derrickson, James Jarrell, H. A. Nowland, H. A. Pool, R. L. Price, J. T. Shallcross, S. F. Shallcross, F. P. Vanhekle, Jr., M. N. Willits.

Red Lion—W. R. Bright, Thomas Bird, Dr. Frank Bellville, John T. Cheairs, Theodore F. Clark, R. T. Cann, Dr. F. S. Dunlap, F. T. Gray, D. B. Stewart, W. M. Stuckert.

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Washington .....Letter

CIRCUMSTANCES unimportant in themselves have brought Republican Presidential possibilities very much to the front in Washington during the past few days. Ex-Speaker Reed was is Washington for a few hours last week, and although his visit was to see a sick friend—Representative Hitt, of Ill.,—it started Presidential gossip, as he is generally recognized as one of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination. Gen. Harrison's visit to New York has also furnished food for gossip. Col. Michener, of Ind., a close friend of Gen. Harrison's, who has a law office in Washington, says of that visit: "Gen. Harrison has been to New Jersey to receive a medal from the Historical Society of that State, and is now in New York to sit for a portrait which is to be hung in the White House. That is his real business in New York, although he may also attend to some law business." When asked bluntly whether Gen. Harrison was a candidate for the nomination Col. Michener replied: "He says he is not," and changed the subject.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York, at present in Washington, says on the subject of the next Republican nominee: "I don't think there has been any effort to get together on the part of the leading men of the party to come to an understanding. It would be much better to let the leading men go to the convention and have the question of a nominee decided there. Any attempt at ringing in any one in advance will fail, as it ought to fail. It would not be wise for any one to attempt such a thing, and I don't believe the attempt will be made. Leaders will not do it, and if others attempt to do so they will not succeed." Speaking of the general outlook, Mr. Miller said: "Everything points to Republican victory. The Democratic party has disappointed the people, showing an incapacity for government. The Democracy is not progressive. It is composed of obstructionists."

The administration's "sound money" platform is to include an endorsement of the repeal of the Federal tax on currency urged by State banks, although the last Congress, overwhelmingly Democratic as it was, refused to pass a bill repealing that tax, or to adopt an amendment to the tariff bill for its repeal. There has been and is much doubt about what Mr. Cleveland wishes the country to believe he means by "sound money"—a single gold standard is what he wants, but he has so far lacked the courage to say so in plain words, as Secretary Morton did—but there is no doubt about what the repeal of the State bank tax means. It means wild cat money, issued by irresponsible people, which would be about as unsound money as could be put into circulation. Mr. Cleveland's present advocacy of the repeal of this tax is merely an attempt to get the support of the Southern Democrats who say they favor the coinage of silver for no other reason than that they want the amount of money in circulation increased, but the silver men are already charging that the repeal of the State bank tax would have been accomplished at the last session of Congress had not Mr Cleveland's influence been used to prevent.

The mails of the Department of Justice are full of letters of complaint from U. S. Court officials, who find it difficult to understand why their saleries are not paid. This is only another illustration of Democratic ideas of economy. When the Democratic Congress cut $156,000 from the amount estimated to be needed to pay the expenses of the Department of Justice, which pays all U. S. Court officials and witness fees and other expenses of U. S. Courts, for the current fiscal year, the seven by nine statesmen chuckled and called themselves reformers. Now, as a consequence deputy marshals, bailiffs and other necessary employes of the courts cannot get their saleries and the families of some of them are reported to be in distress, and when the next Congress meets it will have to make a deficiency appropriation to pay them. Meanwhile these people will have to work without getting their saleries, until the first of August, when they will receive their July saleries out of the appropriation for the next fiscal year.

Ex-Senator Higgins, of Delaware, is in Washington. He says he has not the slightest doubt about the seating of his Republican successor, Senator-elect duPont; that he has received the opinions of a number of the leading constitutional lawyers and they all agree that the Speaker of the Delaware Senate ceased to have the right to act as Speaker when he became the governor of the State.

Members of the administration will not talk about the Supreme Court's decision in the income tax cases, but it is easy enough to guess how they feel about it; there is no occasion for them to express themselves.

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THE COUNTRY PAPER AND POLITICS.

"It is a shame that so bright a local paper and one so fairly and intelligently edited as is the TRANSCRIPT, should devote so much space and time to political matters, should waste so much energy in the mire of politics, when the same intelligent industry and time could accomplish so much good if exerted in other and more worthy and creditable directions."

More than once or twice, possibly more than a score of times, have the above sentiments, flatteringly stated, been presented to us during the past two months. The compliments intended are appreciated, for it does take time and energy and thought and labor to present weekly such a paper as is the TRANSCRIPT, not yet however, what we hope to make it, as an expouent of Middletown and the surrounding country, by the aid of the business men and citizens of the community. We listen to the argument and wonder if it is well founded. What are the "more worthy and creditable direction" in which a country weekly could seek a field of usefulness? We are of the opinion that when you "put your finger on them they are not there." Every country weekly should be alive to the local news since that is of first importance, but the paper that has not editorial opinions is like a ship without a rudder, out upon life's sea of pleasure without harbor or destination in view. And usually it is of little account as a local paper. Certainly of less aid to its people than its well-edited co-temporary. But what shall be the subject of editorials—non-political? If some good friend of the TRANSCRIPT will suggest some topics outside of politics the suggestions will be most welcome, and if within our reach we promise to think of them and to write about them, for no one would relish a change of the political diet he has to digest more than the editor.

But does the editor of the country weekly do his duty to the public when he ignores polititical questions? According to the formation of our government, which we believe to be the best in the world, political parties are necessary to keep the wheels of this great country in motion. But it is absolutely necessary to watch the course of parties, the men who climb into the chief places, and to see that they are honest and capable. That man or woman is an idiot or a knave who professes to believe that any party is free from the machinations of selfish and evil men. It is not always pleasant to acknowledge the truth, but the truth reveals good and bad alike in all. And the bad, being keen and unscrupulous, are apt to get to the top. The neutral paper, neutral for the sake of patronage or because of the desire to be popular, which means the same in the end, is never ready to serve the public in any reforms which demand the truth to be told, unpleasant as it is. The best paper in any community is one whose editor has conscientious convictions, and the strength of character to express them. He needs to be wise and conservative but firm and honest. Such a man may run up against prejudices that may hurt his business, but such short-sighted acts do not come from the liberal, thinking element in any community. The educated infidel contributes to the support of the church because churches are cheaper to the tax payers than are sheriffs, and jails, and penitentiaries. For the same reason the Quaker deals with his Catholic brother, and the Presbyterian trades with his Methodist neighbor. It pays to sustain and support honest and well-meant efforts though you may not agree with them. Honest effort should seek truth, and this should be true politically as well as in any other phases of life. What is truth? What is right? Certainly it is not right to uphold the evils in "the mire of politics," as does silence in a measure. Every good citizen should be desirous of hearing both sides and then without prejudice decide upon a course that is right as conscience shown the right.

What would the politics of this country be without the influence of the public press to keep it within bounds? We verily believe our government could not stand a quarter of a century but for independence and honesty of the newspapers of the country. And the country weekly is no small factor in this matter. The people soon know whether its opinions are with its party, right or wrong, and its influence is measured accordingly. We believe the best paper is the one with decided convictions as to questions of government and with character enough to oppose the wrongs in its own party as firmly as it does those of the opposite party.

The ideal paper would be one that has an editor for each party, not that the paper might control public patronage, for that is the worst serfdom, but that honest convictions might be given the readers, and that they having heard both sides of the question, might come to conclusions for themselves.

These thoughts, imperfectly expressed, have been suggested by well-meant messages sent the TRANSCRIPT and kind advice given. We are not convinced, "of course not," but that the most effective service, the most patriotic service, a country weekly can render its patrons, its section, its State, is a conscientious and fearless discussion of political matters, the matters that pertain to the prosperity of the community, the welfare of the State, the perpetuity of the Nation. The editor that discusses these subjects must have political convictions, as does the patriot in every avenue and calling in life, and when he has convictions he must decide between parties and become a party man. The true American has political convictions and expresses those convictions at the polls. There is no getting away from that conclusion.

But should the country weekly be a political paper? The columns of the TRANSCRIPT are always open to the "other side" of any question and we shall be more than pleased to have the negative of this inquiry set forth as many of the TRANSCRIPT's readers are able to do it. We are open to conviction. Try us.

SENATOR-ELECT HENRY A. DUPONT.

The further we get away from the Senatorial struggle which culminated on the 9th inst., the stronger the conviction becomes that Governor Watson had no legal right to preside over the deliberations of the joint assembly after he took the oath of office as governor, nor to act as Senator, and that consequently he had neither vote nor voice in the election of a United States Senator after he became Governor and therefore from that time only fifteen votes were necessary to the election of a Senator, and that Col. Henry A. duPont, having received that vote, is legally elected. The impression is that Col. duPont will be seated for the full term of six years from March 4th last, when Congress shall convene.

In addition to the reasons heretofore enumerated in the TRANSCRIPT stating why we believe Col. duPont is legally elected Senator, is the one that during the balloting for Senator when Governor Watson was presiding over the joint session, Speaker pro tem. Records was engaged, between the periods of his consultations with Renegades Hanby and Moore and his voting, in affixing his signature *as Speaker* to the bills which had passed the Senate, had been enrolled, and compared by the committee. No one questioned his right to sign those bills, not even Mr. Watson or any Democratic paper, but if Mr. Watson could still exercise the rights of Speaker as he was doing at that time, then Mr. Records was not Speaker and had no right to sign those bills. It does not take a constitutional lawyer to see that point.

Will the *Every Evening* or some other Democratic paper inform the public who will be governor from the first Tuesday of January, 1897, when the term expires for which Mr. Watson was elected Senator, and the third Tuesday of the same month, when the governor elected in November, 1896, shall be inaugurated? The whole argument of the Democrats is based on the supposition that an acting governor must still be Senator and Speaker to fill the requirements of the constitution. It is seemingly their only ground for contention, and is met by a direct contradiction in Section 5, Article III of the Contitution, which says:

"No member of Congress, nor person holding any office under the United States or this State, shall exercise the office of Governor."

This would seem to be conclusive as to the correctness of the position held by the Republicans, namely that Mr. Watson could not "exercise the office of governor" and hold the office of State Senator at the same time. It appears reasonable; it is common sense; but according to some of the Democratic papers to think that way is to "conspire to steal a seat in the United States Senate." Already some of the papers are condemning in advance anticipated action in the Senate upon Col. duPont's application. In delightful contrast to this, and in harmony with not a few Democrats who believe that Col. duPont is legally elected, is the following from the *Delaware Pilot*, of Lewes:

"If the position taken by Governor Watson was an error it was one of the head and not of design, and upon an examination, if decided upon pure legal grounds will be accepted without controversy. We believe when the committee before whom the question of admission will come shall have heard the arguments and examined the constitution of the State as bearing on the dual relations of a Senator and a Senator exercising the office of Governor, they will make an acceptable interpretation. There is no desire on the part of the Democrats of Delaware to oppose the seating of any person elected on Wednesday, May 8th or Thursday, May 9th, of the Legislative days."

The *Every Evening*, however, is shouting itself hoarse in its patriotic (?) efforts "to prevent Colonel duPont falling into a position of ridicule and contempt" by making application for a seat in the Senate, advising against such application, and it does this after trying to inveigle him into the courts for a mandamus, and after having suggested credentials of a certain kind which it could recommend to be just the thing. No Republican paper is doing more to convince its readers that Col. duPont is legally elected than is the *Every Evening*. It rests its case on the fact that Governor Polk acted as Senator after he had been "acting governor," filling out the original term for which he was elected Senator, whether legally or not was never questioned and therefore never decided but at no time did he exercise the office of speaker and governor at the same time, or attempt to do so, nor does the *Every Evening* make any such claim. Evidently the *Every Evening* is convinced that it is wrong but as usual it has not the manliness to acknowledge its mistake.

Those who wish to know more of the new Senator-elect will find a very interesting article on the first page of this issue, bearing upon his war record. And with this, we are ready to refer the whole matter to the United States Senate, where it belongs and where alone it can be settled, resting our hopes with our convictions that the Senate of the United States will decide that the General Assembly of Delaware acted upon the advice of the TRANSCRIPT so earnestly, so persistently and so persuasively given to—"Elect a Senator."

INCOME TAX UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

During the four months of contest among the Republicans of Delaware in their efforts to elect a Senator, not unfrequently was heard the remark from Democrats:

"The Republicans of Delaware have proven themselves unable to rule this State as the Democrats in Congress have proven that they are incompetent to govern this Nation."

Without admitting the first part of the declaration, we have had additional proof this week of the correctness of the latter part. On Monday the Supreme Court decided that the Income Tax part of the new tariff law, passed by the Fifty-third Congress, is unconstitutional, and thus $30,000,000 of contemplated revenue is cut off from the United States Treasury. It leaves the Treasury in a very bad plight, and sets the Administration before the country in a much worse light.

Without the least partisan bias, it must appear remarkable to every thoughtful mind that in the main feature of the law, namely the right to tax the income from rents and of State, county, and municipal bonds, the court was a unit in declaring it unconstitutional. The Democratic Chief Justice, appointed by President Cleveland during his first term, and the other Democratic Justices were of the same opinion as were their Republican brethern on the bench, that President Cleveland and the Democratic party leaders had indeed threatened the liberties of the people in their vain efforts to reform the McKinley Tariff Law. Of all the presumably able constitutional lawyers on the Democratic side of the United States Senate, where the great fight was made, including our own Senator George Gray, David B. Hill, of New York, was the only man who understood the situation and opposed it. The others, either because they knew no better or yielded to the party lash, which is equally discreditable, joined in forcing upon the country this unconstitutional law. Is not that fact the strongest argument that could be advanced to prove the latter part of the proposition, heled even by many Democrats, that the Democratic party is not competent to run the affairs of this government? A candid and thoughtful answer should be given.

Cutting out the income from rents and from State, county and municipal bonds, on which the Supreme Court was a unit, there was little left of the law or of the revenue that its advocates should lament that the whole has been declared unconstitutional by a vote of 5 to 4. Chief Justice Fuller, and Justices Field, Gray, Brewer and Shiras joined in the decision.

Like other Democratic ideas of government, theoretically an income tax upon what a man is able to pay, upon the ready cash he receives and not upon the property he holds which may be a source of expense rather than of revenue, is the most equal and just, possibly, of all taxation. But practically it is like the great convocation of mice, called to decide what should be done to prevent the threatened extermination of the family by the cat. Every child knows that the decision was to "bell pussy," but the ablest Democratic mouse was not competent to point out the way of doing it.

No patriotic citizen, whether Republican, Hill Democrat, or Cleveland Democrat, or Mugwump, rejoices at the plight of the Administration or the condition of the Treasury, and there is no satisfaction in the "I-told-you-so," but the present situation should be a lesson to party leaders that they should look before they leap. The people of the country have had a lesson, for the past two and a half years, on the effects of tariff reform on the business of the country.

"IT IS matter of sincere congratulation that there are some men in the Republican party who are imbued with honesty and a sense of moral obligation. Ten good men would have saved Sodom and Gomorrah from destruction but the ten were not to be found. It is gratifying to know that there were at least four good and true men in the Legislature who under a strong sense of moral obligation had the hardy, manly, vigorous courage to accept defeat rather than dishonor. It is gratifying to know that there are scores, yea, hundreds of men in the ranks of the Republican party who are back of these immortal four, who feel and recognize that a political obligation is just as binding as any obligation. These four men and their backers have made a record for themselves which demonstrates that they can be depended on; that when they say a thing they mean it and will stick to it. The Republican party has enough salt in it to save it, if it is saved at all. Let the pap-hunters, office-seekers howl and froth at the mouth if they will. We still live." —*State Sentinel*.

This is the paid utterances of Addicks' paper, once the leading Republican weekly in the State. It rejoices that four men stood to the text of "Addicks or nobody" in the contest for Senator, and elsewhere promises to be in the ring with boodle at the next election. Its claim to represent hundreds of Republicans in the ranks is evidently false. There was no evidence of such feeling at Dover during the last few days of the legislative struggle.

But what was the "moral obligation," the "political obligation," referred to in the above? The editorial writer for the *Sentinel* told the writer of this article that of all the members of the General Assembly, not one of them was pledged to Mr. Addicks before the election; that "one legislative candidate in Kent county foolishly pledged himself voluntarily before the election, but he was defeated and his pledge amounted to nothing." What then are the political and moral obligations which lead men to refuse to caucus, to refuse to abide the decision of the majority, to conspire with Democrats to prevent the election of a Senator other than the man of their choice? He gave money. True, and other men have given money. And we wish to say in passing that for every dollar the Republicans in this State have spent in bribery the Democrats have spent three. He paid taxes. Other men have paid taxes, Republicans not Democrats. The Democratic tax collector furnishes tax receipts to the faithful without money and without price. We will not say that unless the *Sentinel* inform the public what the great "moral and political obligations" are, the dear people will settle down to the convictions that the obligations were immoral and disgraceful, but that if nearly the size of it.

INDIRECTLY ADMITTED.

The *Every Evening* answer to the query of the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT is eminently satisfactory. It shows, conclusively, that between January 1 and January 17, 1897, Delaware instead of having no governor will have two governors. Mr. Watson will "continue to act" as governor, and the speaker to be elected by the new Senate will also "exercise the office of governor," according to the State constitution.—*Morning News.*

ONE of the duties neglected by the Republicans (?) of the General Assembly was the failure to pass the claims against the State. The committees on claims of both the Senate and the House had passed upon the bills, and the resolution affirming them was passed by the House, and was held by the Democratic chairman in the Senate until after the prolonged joint session on the 9th of May, and consequently was never acted upon. The Republicans like the innocent lamb in the fable, accused by the wolfe, standing above it, of stiring up the water, are innocent of the neglect and had no control over the matter, but with wolfe-like consistency the Democratic press of the State lays the charge at their door, and inquires with wolfish glee, When do you want another Republican Legislature?

The same papers are asking, What has become of the promised reforms? knowing full well that no reforms passed by the Republicans in the House stood the ghost of a show of passing the Senate. Perhaps some of the Democratic papers will explain why the Senate killed the workhouse bill! It would be interesting to know.

The Senate not only failed to pass the claims against the State but it also failed to approve the bills it had contracted, and the salary of its members and employes, as recommended by its committee on accounts. They were paid, however, whether lawfully or not is not stated, but it is known that the clerk to the committee on divorce received $300.00 for services, when the agreement in committee was for $175.00. This looks like a little peculation or speculation in the State funds that our friends, the Democratic editors, might explain. Don't all speak at once.

CURRENT EVENTS.

General Booth of the Salvation Army is seriously ill at London.

Snow an inch deep fell in the Shenendoah Valley, Pa., on Tuesday.

30,000 vistors attended the Confederate re-union at Houston, Texas, on Wednesday.

Frost damage to wheat, rye, barley and flax in North Dakota is estimated at 15 per cent. of the crop.

The Chicago brick-layers are on a strike and 25000 men are out. Every brick yard in the city is tied up.

The 76th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday was celebrated on Thursday, May 24. She has reigned 58 years.

Florence, Italy, was visited by an earthquake on Sunday that damaged 3000 houses, including the Cathedral, and destroyed several lives.

There was a boom in wheat on the Chicago Board of Trade Wednesday, July wheat going up to 77¼ cents. This is an advance of 14 cents over the price a week ago.

Miss Agnes Kerr has recently been appointed Superintendent of the Forest City Schools, Pa., the first woman who has been appointed to that position in the state of Pennsylvania.

—A heavy rain, wind and hail storm prevailed in southern Texas on Tuesday. Houses were unroofed, streets flooded, and trains on the southern Pacific road were unable to proceed.

Two illustrious Englishwomen, Florence Nightingale and Jean Ingelow, celebrate their seventy-fifth birthday this year. Each lives in London, Miss Nightengale in the West End and Miss Ingelow in Kensington.

An automatic restaurant has just been opened in Berlin, where by dropping coins in a slot the dishes are sent up on a tray: rolls, wine, and coffee are now served and more elaborate dishes are to follow. The inventor is an Italian.

One of the best dressed women in Kansas is said to be Mrs. Mary Lease, the Populist agitator. She appeared the other day on the streets of Atchison, according to a local chronicler, in "a fashionable spring gown and a lovely bonnet.

Henry J. Haskell, Attorney-General of Montana, is to marry Miss Knowles, the assistant Atterney-General, and his late competitor for the office. She is the only woman lawyer in the State, and was on the Democrat ticket for Attorney-General in 1892.

The 145th anniversary of the birth of Stephen Girard was celebrated Monday afternoon at Girard College in Philadelphia by the pupils, the Alumni Associations and the Directors of City Trusts. Mayor Warwick and Col. A. K. McClure made addresses.

The House of Representatives before adjourning passed a resolution providing for electric bells to be put to every desk, by which the members can call the pages, instead of clapping their hands as heretofore. The Senate, however, will go on in the old way yet a while longer.

Ambassador Bayard will witness the naval gathering at Kiel from Sir John Pender's private yacht, on which he is to be a guest. It would be more becoming for the American Ambassador to view the ceremonies from some one of the American cruisers which are also to be there.

IN KENT COUNTY.

The M. E. Church at St. Johnsville, near Bridgeville, was re-opened on Sunday.

The W. C. T. U., of Smyrna, made $48 at their Strawberry festival Wednesday night.

Mrs. Mary L. Evett, of Felton, died at the home of her son-in-law, George Hardesty, Monday, May 13th, aged 64 years.

John Cosgriff has been elected a director of the Smyrna National Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Polk Cummins.

Farmers in the neighborhood of Bridgeville are complaining of the cutworm, corn, tomatoes and cabbage suffering from its ravages.

—In the Odd Fellow's cemetery, Camden, there stands a monument with the following odd inscription; "Reader if I had any good traits of character copy them. Beware of excessive use of tobacco, strong drink and running after strange women."

MY MARYLAND.

The latter did not get its share, hence it kicks.

Gov. Brown has been petitioned to appoint a commission to examine the mental condition of Marshall Price, the murderer of Sallie Dean.

Caroline county has only had two legal executions since the county was formed, but has had several lynchings. Wicomico county has never had an execution.

The W. C. T. U., of Kent county, will hold its convention at Still Pond, on Tuesday June 4th. Mrs. M. A. Lake, the State Secretary for the Union, will take part in the exercises.

The strawberry season is in full blast in Wicomico. The crop will not be as large as on some other occasions but it is fairly good. Some of the largest growers in the State are now shipping the crop, which aggregates many thousands of quarts daily.

The *Queenstown News* is having a few words with the County Commissioners, or rather with the clerk, over the county printing. It brings out the fact that in 1890 there was paid to the three Democratic papers in Queen Anne's county as follows:

Record	$1199.38
Observer	999.76
News	711.25

Mr. Irving Walker, of Baltimore, formerly of Middletown, Del., an extensive land owner in Kent and Queen Anne's counties, has planted 407 bushels of white potatoes on one of his farms near Chestertown, the largest plant of potatoes ever known in that section. He will also have 40 acres in sweet potatoes, besides other vegetables in proportion. Mr. Walker is experimenting in truck farming; his experience last year was very gratifying, and he is now making a practical test of the adaptability of his soil for growing early vegetables for city markets.

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All the latest things in Cuffs and Collars. Our all-linen Collars at 2 for 25c. are very nice and very cheap.

New things in Neckwear. Spring styles—plenty of them. Very pretty and very cheap.

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Men's Fine Straw, 50c., 75c., $1.00. Boys' Fine Straw, 25c., 50c. Men's and Boys' Sun Hats, 5c., 10c., 15c. Men's Black and Brown Stiff Hats, Stetson Block, $2.00 and $2.50. Men's Boys' and Children's Wool Hats, 48c., worth far more.

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Cotton-warp mattings, full standard of 180 ends, in very artistic effects, 25c. per yard cut or $9 per roll, sold earlier in the season at 35c.

Novelties at 35c., 75c. and 55c.

3-4 stair mattings in several designs.

We are doing the matting business of this city, and you should see the goods and note the prices.

Another shipment of those 60c., $1 and $1.50 porch rockers has just reached us. The 60c. and $1 ones, without arms, and the $1.50 ones with arms. Other designs upward to $3.50.

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Local News.

—Roses are blooming.

—Only three more weeks of School.

—There was a new moon yesterday.

—Are you going to attend the festival?

—1896 will be the last leap year till 1904.

—Wheat is in head, and harvest will be early this year.

—Soft crabs are next in order on the Peninsula bill of fare.

—In anticipation of a large crop of fruit, fruit jars are on the rise.

—There are seventy-five men at work at Fort Delaware, which is being rebuilt.

—Don't forget the festival Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 29th and 30th.

—Wild Azalias, sometimes called wild honeysuckle, are blooming in the forests.

—Thursday, May 30th, being a legal holiday, the Banks will be closed to business.

—The band boys festival will be the attraction next week. Remember the dates.

—St. Paul's M. E. church, in Wilmington, celebrated its semi-centennial this week.

—The latest report of the census supervisors of Wilmington gives the city a population of 66,163.

—The protracted cold, wet weather is bad for corn, and that that is not up yet, is by far the best off.

—Will make low price on Peach Baskets in car-load lots. Address James A Evans. Georgetown, Delaware.

—The Levy Court of this county has fixed the tax rate for the ensuing year at fifty cents on the dollar.

—The Mercury is on the rise again, and the man who feared we'd have no summer at all, is in better spirits.

—J. F. Mc Whorter is improving his premises on North Broad street by having the front pavement relaid.

'Tis now the impecunious youth
Is reveling in clover.
'Tis chilly for ice cream, forsooth,
And the oyster season's over.—Ex.

—The Delaware Association of Funeral Directors met in Wilmington on Thursday, and elected Joseph Enos, of Odessa, President.

—Mrs. Mary A. Walker. mother of Representative Francis M. Walker of Mill Creek hundred died Friday of last week, in her 75th year.

—The bills sent out are for the purpose of soliciting payments. There are more to follow unless payment is anticipated at the TRANSCRIPT office.

—The Union Veteran Legion, of Wilmington, has offered a protest against the dedication of a Confederate monument, at Chicago, on Memorial Day.

FOR SALE:—The property on the Southwest corner Broad and Green streets, the residence of the late Charles Beasten. Apply on the premises after May 25th.

—After a dead-lock of three weeks the New Castle town council elected a city tax collector on Tuesday, G. T. Tobin being the successful man. It is the best paying office in New Castle.

—Tuesday was one of the most disagreeable May days on record. It rained and rained and rained, and gentle spring more than got her feet wet, she was drenched, and chilled to the heart.

—Theodore H. Harman, of Wilmington, died Monday afternoon of typhoid fever, aged 27 years. He was a son of the late Joseph N. Harman, and a member of the firm J. and J. N. Harman.

—The Tennis Club has prepared a very nice Court on South Broad Street, and this popular game bids fair to be more popular than ever among Middletown athletic young ladies and gentlemen.

—Tramps are numerous in this section. Hardly a day goes by that does not see a number of these wayfarers who stroll the streets and get their living off the sympathy and credulity of the people.

—Mrs. Mary C. Kelley, of Wilmington, has invented and patented a dress makers' measure for cutting glove-fitting patterns, which is attracting the attention of the fashionable modists far and near.

—John McKeown, of Newark, while a sleep under the influence of drink, drove into the Christiana with a horse and buggy at the Orange street wharf last Saturday. He and the horse were drowned.

—The new time table on the Delaware Division and its branches went into effect this week. The B. & O. has also made changes. The corrected tables will be found in the advertising columns of the TRANSCRIPT.

—S. M. Reynolds purchased a handsome bay horse in Philadelphia last week, but in attempting to drive him on Monday, found him rather unmanageable, and after demolishing two buggies, the creature was sent back whence he came.

—There were at least two happy looking couples in Middletown last Sunday. "Knee deep in clover" is too meager a metaphor to describe their bliss. In heaven with the door shut, and lights turned down, is only a suggestion of their rapture.

—The Epworth Convention, in New Castle this week, was the most enthusiastic in the history of the society in Wilmington District. The attendance was very large, and the occasion was one to be remembered by the delegates and visitors.

—Bishop Coleman is an indefatigable worker. He spent last Sunday in Sussex county where he visited a number of charges. He rode 30 miles, ate his dinner on the road, preached three sermons, made several addresses, and confirmed two classes.

—Miss Agnes Cochran gave a very charming tea party at her home, Peoria, near town, Thursday evening on the occasion of her birthday. There were ten of her young friends present, —only girls invited, and the evening was delightfully spent in dancing, music and games.

—The fag end of housecleaning is reached at last, and if there is one stray little microbe, disease germ or moth-fiy left in Middletown, 'tis no fault of the housewives. They have waged a valiant war against the powers of dirt and darkness, and now, some of them at least, are looking for new worlds to conquer.

—Last week 188 items of local and special news, not appearing in any other paper in town, were given in the TRANSCRIPT. These were in addition to all the news given by any other paper, Moral: If you want the news subscribe for the TRANSCRIPT.

—Frank Siddall, the millionaire soap manufacturer, did all his advertising in the newspapers. When asked why he did not use fences and bill boards, he said, "People who don't read newspapers, don't use soap." There is a great truth in that remark that might be digested with profit by many less successful business men.—Ex.

—The advance in the price of wheat not only makes the farmer smile but it is cause for general congratulations. When the farmer is prosperous times are good for all. Wheat has advanced as much as four cents in a single day this week, 14 cents during the week, and 22 cents the past month. Seventy cents is offered in Chicago for July and August delivery.

—Goldey's College, in Wilmington, will hold the annual Commencement in the Opera House, June 4th. Hon. Roswell G. Horr, of Michigan will make the annual address, and Hon. John Wanamaker will address the graduates. Frank Perkins of Clayton, is the valedictorian of the class. The TRANSCRIPT desires to acknowledge an invitation to the Commencenet exercises.

—John Sparks, aged 68 years, and for forty years bridge-tender at the canal near Kirkwood, was caught by the express berry train on the bridge Thursday evening, and thrown down a fourteen feet embankment. He had let several boats through the draw and thought to cross ahead of the engine. The left arm was fractured and the hip bone. Though seriously hurt it is thought he will recover.

—Miss Edna Cazier entertained a number of her young friends Wednesday evening, at her home near Kirkwood. Those present from Middletown were: Misses May Holten, Louise Reynolds, Mary Maxwell, Hattie Barnard, Messrs. Reese Parker, John Rothwell, Harry Budd, Allen McDowell, and Lou Naudain, and quite a number from Delaware City, St. Georges and Chesapeake City.

—Another very pleasant social event was a surprise party last evening, given to Miss Blanche Wright at Warwick, in honor of her guest, Miss Dubois, of Baltimore. Those present were: Misses Lucie Cochran, May Holten, Martha Heaton, Laura Willits, Mary Cochran, Mabelle Taylor, Hattie Barnard, Dora Price and Miss Register; Messrs. George F. Wilson, Fred. Crouch, Eben Clark, Edward M. Vaughan, William Lockwood, Edgar Clark, W. Reece Parker, Louis Naudain and Harry Budd.

—Forest Cemetery is having improvements. Several men have been at work during the past week mowing the grass, scraping the walks and giving a general spring cleaning. Lot holders are fixing up their lots, planting flowers and raising memorials to their friends, and the silent city, which is always a beautiful place, will be at its best by Decoration Day. The Cemetery Co. has also put in a new bridge opposite the main entrance, and widened the road leading to the colored cemetery.

The committee appointed by the late legislature to look after the building of a new State Library met in Dover Tuesday. It was decided to build a two-story brick structure 37x40 feet adjoining the wing of the old building. The General Assembly limited the cost of the building to $10,000. About $2000 will be spent in furnishing the building. Plans will be prepared and submitted at the next meeting which will be held in two weeks. The committee is composed of Senators John Pyle and W. T. Records, and Representatives J. W. Jolls, and H.H. McMullen.

—A very pleasant company of young folks were assembled at the home of Mr. R. A. Cochran, near town, Monday evening to celebrate the birthday of his daughter, Miss Mary Patton Cochran. Music, dancing, cards and "Jenkins Up" furnished amusements, and refreshments added their quota. At midnight the company departed, after a very enjoyable evening. Those present were: Misses Laura Willits, Lucie Cochran, Edith Reynolds, Sallie Cochran, Lydia Cochran, Mary P. Cochran. Messrs. Horatio N. Willits, Alfred Tatman Robert Cochran, Eben Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shallcross.

—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, of which Mrs. M. L. Cox is president, has prepared a box of pretty and useful things to be sent to Miss Spenser, missionary teacher at Tokio, Japan, who is under the special care of the Delaware Auxiliaries. The box is to form a part of a Christmas box that will be sent to the Tokio School of which Miss Spencer has charge, where there are 300 young girls. The United Societies of this Branch are making a special effort to aid this school, and Bethesda Society has a very creditable part in the work. The box was sent on Monday and was valued at $18.

—Harry Craddock, grandson of William Kates of this town, and son of Theodore Craddock of Philadelphia, formerly town bailiff here, was accidently killed on Friday afternoon of last week, in attempting to board an elevator while it was in motion. He was in the employ of Hirsh Bros. Umbrella Manfacturers, of Philadelphia, and was 14 years old. His body was brought to Middletown on the 5.11 train, Monday afternoon, and conveyed to St. Francis Xavier's R. C. Cemetery for burial. This is the fourth death that has occurred in Mr. Craddock's family since they left Middletown over a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Craddock have the sympathy of many friends in their affliction.

—The members of Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R., will attend Divine Service, according to their custom, to-morrow evening in the M. E. Church. They will assemble at headquarters and proceed to the church in a body. Rev. I. L. Wood, the pastor, will deliver a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Post will observe the usual ceremony of decorating the graves of their fallen comrades on Thursday, the 30th inst. There will be no parade, but the tributes of love and gratitude as symbolized by the flowers that shall be strewn upon the graves, will be just as earnest and sincere. Donations of flowers are solicited and the members of the Post extend a cordial invitation to their friends and the public to participate. The members of the Post are requested to meet at Headquarters at 7 o'clock sharp Sunday evening.

—Decoration Day will be observed as usual at old Bethel Cemetery on May 30th. It has become a popular custom to strew flowers o'er the graves of departed friends on that day, and nowhere is it more appropriately kept than at Bethel, where the generations of them that sleep are held in loving memory. The whole neighborhood for miles around, is represented in this one of God's Acres, and surviving friends, relatives and neighbors set apart this one day to pay tribute to the departed. Whole families go, take their lunch and spend the day in that beautiful and sacred place, and there are no neglected graves there. The cemetery is worthily cared for at all times, and is one of the most beautiful in this community. Many of the oldest families of Cecil Co., Md., and New Castle Co. Del., are resting there, and the historic associations that cluster about the old church are sacred to many hearts.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Rev. R. I. Wood was in Elkton on Monday.

—Mrs. J. Frazier Eliason is visiting in Baltimore.

Geo. Frame Wilson was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

—Miss. Clara Moor is spending the week in Philadelphia.

—Dr. J. C. Stites spent Thursday evening with Warwick friends.

—Mrs. Elmer E. Postles spent Sunday with friends in Camden.

—Dr. W. F. Kennedy, of Catonsville, Md., was in town on Monday.

—Gilpin Massey was the guest of New Castle friends on Sunday.

—Hugh C. Browne Esq. of Wilmington, was in town on Thursday.

—Mrs. M. E. Dager has been in the city purchasing goods this week.

—Wm. G. Lockwood spent Sunday at Heath Grange, near Warwick.

—Mr. Joseph Mendinhall, of Wilmington spent Sunday in Middletown.

—Mr. Julian Gale, of Philadelphia, visited Dr. W. E. Barnard this week.

—Miss Bernard, of Greensborough, Md., is the guest of Miss Helen Naudain.

—Rev. I. L. Wood attended the Epworth gathering in Philadelphia yesterday.

Miss Dora Culbertson was in Philadelphia, Wednesday, on a shopping tour.

—Mrs. E. R. Cochran and Miss Margaret Beasten have returned home from Atlantic City.

Mrs. W. F. Kennedy and little daughter Dorothy, are guests of Dr. Hardcastle, at Cecilton, Md.,

Mr. Howard Alexander, solicitor for the office of W. J. Latta, Philadelphia, was in town yesterday.

—Robert T. Nowland, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his father, Dr. E. F. Nowland in town.

—Misses Louisa Cox and Lidie Hurn, spent Sunday near Bear Station, guests of Mr. John T. Hayes.

—Mrs. Alex Goldsborough, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Clayton, this week.

—Messrs Alfred Chamberlaine, and Chas. E. Ferris witnessed the Mikado in Wilmington, Thursday evening.

—Mrs. Baily, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Draper, at Locust Lawn, near town.

—Misses Helen and Daisy Naudain, Messrs Frank Pool and Reece Parker were in Wilmington on Saturday evening.

—Messrs. Charles Bowles, and Carolton Covington, of Boston, were guests of Dr. W. E. Barnard and J. C. Alston for several days this week.

—Miss Eliza Cochran, who has been ruscitating at her father's, William R. Cochran's near town, for some weeks, has returned to the Elwin Institute.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foard began housekeeping on Tuesday in their beautiful home on West Main street, which has been recently repaired and improved variously.

—Mr. Watson W. Harrington. of Farmington, now a student at Delaware College, accompanied Dr. C. H. Green in a visit to his mother, Mrs Eliza Green, on Sunday.

—Rev. F. H. Moore gives Jersey hospitality the palm. He was the guest of John V. Craven at Salem, during his recent visit there, and was royally entertained. Mr. Creaven was formerly a resident of this county.

—Miss Addie P. Hazzard returned home yesterday, after spending a pleasant week in New Castle and Wilmington. She was in attendance at the Epworth Convention at New Castle on Wednesday and Thursday, and was highly entertained with the exercises.

—The many friends of "Father" Davis were glad to see him and his son Harry of Still Pond, Md., in town this week, He is still a little lame from spraining his ankle last winter, and has not fully recovered from a late attack of grip, but he is bright and chery, and carries the weight of 94 years with marvelous activity. He is always a welcome visitor to Middletown, his presence is a benediction.

Where are the Boys?

On Sabbath evening last the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, of Middletown. celebrated the sixth anniversary of the society which began with the union of the young people of five churches, now numbering about one and one-quarter millions.

A representative of the TRANSCRIPT dropped into the regular, and on this occasion the preliminary, meeting of the League which is held a half hour before the usual evening service. Eighty per cent. of those present were ladies and girls. There were three or four boys between the ages of six and sixteen. Query: Where are the boys?

In the anniversary meeting following in the audience room of the church, which was well filled, there were five girls, between the ages named, to every boy in attendance, and at least two-thirds of the audience was of the gentler sex. Again, Why is this? and where were the boys?

The pastor referred to the organization of the Christian Endeavor in Portland, Me., in 1881, now numbering two and a-half millions, and the wonder is, are the boys represented there, proportionately represented? He spoke of the good accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. during its organization for the past half century, and the thought arose, If the boys "cut" Sunday School and ignore the League and Endeavor Societies will they get back into the Y. M. C. A. and the church?

The preacher said in many respects "the children of this world are wiser than the children of light," and the query at once presented itself, is this true of the management of these societies and of the Sunday Schools? The representative of the TRANSCRIPT is a stranger to the schools and societies, hence the inquiry is a general one, but it is true, and may be true here, that the fact is not generally recognized that boys are not good merely for the sake of being good, "like girls" and the hum-drum routine, the machine ruts, become tiresome and irksome and they long for a change, and not getting it in the school they seek it outside. The proper effort is not made to hold them. There are enough christian ladies in Middletown, ladies unemployed in Sunday School work, to bring the boys back into the schools, to set apart one to each boy, as is done in the city Sunday Schools for the "Heathen Chinee," if necessary. It is worth the cost in labor and pains. Who shall say, "I am not my brother's keeper?" The need of the church is men, less preachers perhaps, certainly less who enter the ministry as a profession for a living, but earnest christian men, and unless the boys start right and keep right, how shall the church ever get them?

"My Lord in Livery."

The Christian Endeavor Society of Cecilton, Md., will give a play, entitled "My Lord in Livery," on Thursday evening, May 30th, from 8 to 9 o'clock.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ:

Sybil, daughter of Sir George Amberly ..... Miss Irene DuShane
Laura and Rose, her friends ..... Miss Hardcastle and Miss DuShane
Lord Thirlmere—H. M. S. Phlegethon, ... Mr. Wm. Davis
Robert, page ..... Master Holt
Music.

Ices and cake will be served after the play, by the King's Daughters, assisted by the Guild of the P. E. Church.

Admission 15 cents.

YOU SHOULD LEARN.

That the best grain only is good enough for hens.

That good feed of any kind is dear at any price.

That J. F. Clift wants you to read his "ad" and think about it.

That the poultry business is a poor place for a lazy man.

That the "East End Store" is "strictly in it" on prices. Call on Mrs. Dager.

That the hens should be fed a proper balanced ration.

Square piano for sale cheap. Case and works in excellent condition. Inquire at this office.

That there is no such thing as luck in the poultry business.

C. H. Ellison, two miles west of Mt. Pleasant, sells best varities Late Cabbage and Tomato Plants cheap. 3t

That one poor bird may spoil the sale of a barrel of good ones.

That those Frozen Cherries you enjoyed so much last week are again to be had at Mrs. Rice's. Try them this evening.

That food has its effect on the quality of both the flesh and the eggs.

That the prettiest hats for Children's Day for the money are to be found at the Misses Echenhofer's. Go to see them.

That small flocks of fowls do better as a general thing, than large flocks.

That leather has advanced in price but Prettyman is selling shoes at the same low rates. Best buy at once—shoes may go up.

That no stock on the farm pays better for the care required than the hens.

That the Echenhofer brothers keep the best Beef, Veal, Lamb, Pork, and Smoked Meats. Also greens and other vegetables.

That a medal awaits the man who will point out a thing that a woman can't do.

Every housewife should persuade her husband to visit the tonsorial parlors of W. W. Freeman, late of Wilmington, opened on North Broad Street.

That poultry should be kept without food for at least twenty-four hours before killing.

That Mrs. Barnett's new hats are the result of artistic ideas, deft fingers, and good taste. They cost no more than cheaper hats not so prettily trimmed.

That each kind of poultry should be packed by itself, and all should be assorted and graded.

That the Sunday Press, Times, Inquirer, Record, Ledger and Star can be had at F. P. Bradley & Co's news agency. All dailies through the week. West Main street.

That although a hen will pick up a great deal of her living, it isn't always the most profitable way to keep her.

That Mrs. Rice purchases fresh Fruits and Confections every week where the best in town can be had. Ice Cream by the dish or in quantity. Send in your orders.

That it is poor business policy to grow a lot of frames and then send them to market without covering them well with flesh.

WHEELS or bicycles as you please. New and second-hand. $5 up. Please ask for my second-hand list, mailed free. W. H. Reynolds, Townsend. Will call on request.

That any one should know the requirements of the market before shipping poultry, and not ship drawn and decapitated fowls to a market requiring undrawn birds with their heads on, and vice versa.

That J. A. Bradley, North Broad street, keeps the cheapest and freshest Vegetables in the market—Asparagus, potatoes, etc. His Pineapples are excellent. He keeps flour and has added meats to his stock.

CHESAPEAKE CITY.

Miss Alma Bouchelle and Miss Hattie Morgan are being entertained by friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Charles Cook and daughter Lucy, of Trenton, are being entertained at her father's Mr. H. H. Brady.

The Presbyterian Sunday school is rehearsing for Children's Day, which will occur on Sunday, June 2d.

Services were held in the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday by Rev. I. N. W. Nervine D. D., of Philadelphia.

The M. E. Sunday school is making extensive preparations for Children's Day, which they will celebrate on the 2d Sunday in June.

Thursday the 30th of May being Decoration Day, the people in this community are making preperations to decorate the graves of their relative and friends.

Miss Lidie Alexander, of Elkton, has moved to our town and is keeping house for her brother, Col. Wm. A. Alexander. We extend to Miss Lidie a hearty welcome.

Tuesday was a hard day on the Odd Fellows The members of the Order from here who went to Philadelphia to see the big parade came back very much out of humor with the weather man,

The second commencement of the Chesapeake City public school will be held in Masonic Hall, on Friday evening, May 31st. Rev. John McElmoyle, of Elkton, will deliver the oration. The graduates are as follows: Miss Mary Willis, Salutatory; Miss Minnie Beiswanger, valedictory; Miss Nellie Egee, "The Choice of Books;" Miss Ada Jefferson, the "Influence of Legend Upon Literature." Medal of honor for special work in literature and history will be awarded to Harold Steele and medal for proficency in mathematics to Albert Beiswanger. The Elkton Banjo Club will render selections, also Joseph Marinelli, of Philadelphia, the noted harpist, will be present and render a few solos. Music will also be furnished by Bouchelle's Orchestra.

A fatal accident occurred on the farm of W. C. Pyle, about three miles from town Wednesday morning, caused by the premature explosion of dynamite. Mr. Pyle and several assistants were engaged in blasting out stumps with the dynamite, when a quantity of it exploded, badly injuring Mr. Pyle and three others, Frank Hevelow and his son Reuben and William Hevelow. Dr. J. V. Wallace was immediately summoned from Elkton, where he had gone on business. Dr. W. C. Karsner also being out of town was hastily summoned to go to the scene of horror, William Hevelow died about half hour after getting him to his home in Chesapeake City. William Hevelow was a member of Jr. O. U. A. M., of this place, and will be buried in St. John's Cemetery, Sassafrass Neck, on Sunday morning. Members of the council are requested to meet at Council Hall on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. At this writing W. C. Pyle is suffering severely, but they don't apprehend his case to be fatal. Frank Hevelow is improving slowly. Reuben, his son is suffering untold agony, and the supposition is he can not recover.

FROM OLD SUSSEX.

Lewes has 2000 inhabitants and supports eight secret societies whose members pay an aggregate of over $2000 in fees annually.

William A. Hazzard, a well know and prominent citizen of Sussex county, died at his home in Milton on Sunday, aged 83 years. He was the son of David Hazzard, who was Governor of this state in 1829, and was a relative of Miss Addie Hazzard, of Middletown. His funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Milton. A wife and two daughters survive him.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised Miss Lizzie Rash, Mrs. Amanda Collins Dr. T. Welch, Miss Sarah Cliften.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Dr. Swinney, of Smyrna, was in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwatka, of Crumpton, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. John Maloney, of near New Castle, visited relatives here on Monday.

The "Knights of the Golden Eagle" will attend church in a body on Sunday.

D. P. Hutchison received the commission for the office of deputy sheriff on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Batsford, of Smyrna, were the guests of Rev. Herman Roe on Sunday.

Mrs. Nathaniel Ratledge has been entertaining friends from Wilmington for several days.

The Ereodelphian Society expects to render the drama, "The King's Daughters," next week.

The K. G. E. and the Jr. O. U. A. M. are arranging for a memorial service on Decoration Day.

Mr. W. Thornton and Mr. W. Watts, of Cecilton, were the guests of Mr. Frank Watts on sunday.

Mr. Charles Jones and his granddaughter, Miss Lizzie Hopkins, both of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pinder.

Mr. Jackson Collins, superintendent of the farm at Farnhurst, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. John Townsend.

Mrs. Mary Wiswell and her little daugh- Emma, of Wilmington, are spending a week with F. H. Lattomus near town.

The Townsend Cornet Band went over to Odessa on Wednesday and Thursday evening to play for the benefit of the festival held there. They were presented a handsome cake on Thursday evening. It was their first trip abroad.

The Townsend Cornet Band will holda strawberry festival in the Church Grove on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 29th and 30th. Each evening the band will enliven the occasion with a lots of new galops, waltzes and marches. Take a full purse and help the boys out.

As Mr. Burge was entering town on Monday evening the king-bolt dropped out of his vehicle and let the shafts down; there were three persons in the carriage. Mr. Burge was thrown out, and received several scratches and bruises. The horse ran but was caught on Main Street after it had broken loose from the shaft.

The dwelling of Gardner Shockley, occupied by H. M. Smith, narrowly escaped being burned to the ground on Tuesday about 4.30 o'clock. The fire started in the shed kitchen and at one time it looked as though the entire house would be consumed, but the bucket brigade turned out in full force and by its persistent efforts the flames were soon under control, not however until nearly all the furniture was taken from the house. The beds, carpets, etc, were considerably soiled by the water and mud Nearly every thing in the kitchen was destroyed, the week's washing included.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mr. Wm T. Vail was in Dover this week.

Mr. Fred Price spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Peters, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. Geo. Green last week.

Miss Addie Hodgman, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Anna Pennington has returned froma visit to Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Culin spent a few days in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Bina Foard is visiting her uncle David Vail in Dutch Neck.

Mrs. John P. Belville, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. F. Belville.

Mrs. George Foard spent Thursday with her mother near McDonough.

Mrs, Mary Smith from near State Road Station was in town this week.

Miss Hattie Tybout, of New Castle, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. J. Crouch and daughter, of Middletown, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. O. Wingate and Mrs. Wm. Beck spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. F. Reybold visited Philadelphia last week remaining over Sunday.

Mrs. John Hearn, of Wilmington, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Vail.

Mrs. John Swan, Jr., visited friends in New Castle on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Edward Loes, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. N. G. Price this week.

Miss Jennie E. Marly graduated as Bachelor of Elocution on Tuesday evening in Philadelphia.

Misses M. McMunn, Irene Davidson, and Stella Ferguson, visited friends in New Castle this week.

Misses Gertie and Julie Sadler, also Miss Berenice Keane, are spending a few days down the bay with Mr. Sadler.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an entertainment in Assembly Hall on Thursday evening the 30th.

Lionel Bright, son of our postmaster, is ill with diptheria, consequently the post office is located, for the time being, in W. W. Cheairs store.

It is reported that Mr. Fred Price and Miss Lottie Morris, of Wilmington, are to be married at Epworth M. E. Church on Tuesday, June 4th.

A hack load of young folks left Delaware City on Wednesday evening to participate in the pleasure of a social dance at Mr. J. Cazier's near Kirkwood. Among them were Misses May Reybold, Nellie Vail, Agnes Vail, Clara Vail, Alice Vail, Messrs Roy Keane, Malcolm Reybold, Russell Pennington, George Kennedy, C. Newbold Price.

The festival held Tuesday and Wednesday by the ladies of the P. E. Church was voted a success in every respect, the ladies clearing thirty dollars in spite of the fearful weather on Tuesday evening. The tables were beautiful and were each decorated by a single color. The colors used were pink, yellow, blue and red and it was considered a difficult matter to decide as to which was the prettiest.

CHURCH NOTES.

Bishop Coleman is expected to visit St. Anne's Parish to-morrow evening to admin ister the rite of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at Forest Presbyterian church on Sunday morning June, 2.

The regular meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of St Anne's Parish will be held today at 6.30 p. m. Bishop Coleman has consented to be present and address the meeting.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware will meet in St. Peter's Church, Lewes, on the first Wednesday in June.

The Children's Day service of the Forest Presbyterian Sunday School will be held to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock. A very beautiful program has been prepared and the exercises will be of unusual interest. All are cordially invited to be present.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

The office of Clerk of the Peace for New Castle County will be vacant on June 6th. It is the best appointment within the gift of the Governor, and is said to be worth $6,000 a year, or $30 000 for the five year term. There were said to be fifteen candidates at the first but the number has been reduced to twelve. St. Georges has a candidate, Mr. Jefferson B. Foard, who though he has been a party man and an indefatigable worker for the success of Democracy for years, is for the first time in his life an applicant for office. He has many Republican friends who will join his party friends in congratulations if he should be the fortunate appointee. Ye editor served in the General Assembly with ex-Senator Calvin Crossan, of Christiana hundred and ex-Representative George W. and Gray, of Wilmington, found them capable, honorable, first-class gentlemen, and it is a pleasure to know that such men are in the elegible list. The other candidates are: R. L. Naudain, an Appoquinimink neighbor; Dr. Francis Springer and George McIntyre, the business partner of Senator John Pyle, of Christiana hundred; James B. Toman, of New Castle; Thomas L. J. Baldwin, of Mill Creek hundred. John Sayers, James McGlinchey, and Patrick Neary, of Wilmington; and W. F. Smalley, Sr., of White Clay Creek hundred. Delegations have waited on Governor Watson in behalf of each candidate but he does not give any intimation of what he will do.

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Martha Ferguson, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lord.

Mr. F. H. Burgess of Ridley Park, was an Odessa visitor last Saturdry.

Miss Finley, of Townsend, was a guest of Mrs. Joseph C. Enos over Sunday.

Mrs. VanDyke is spending a few days in Ridley Park with Mrs. F. H. Burgess.

Mrs. H. L. Clayton left on Friday for Philadelphia, where she will spend a part of the summer.

Mrs. E. Tatnall Warner and son John, of Wilmington, have been the guests of Mr. Daniel W. Corbit.

Miss Bessie George left on Thursday for Camden, N. J., where she will spend the summer with relatives.

Mr. Charles Gibson, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gibson.

Miss Elizabeth Temple returned home Saturday from an extended visit to friends in Coatsville and Philadelphia.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza A. Spare took place on Sunday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Howell, near St. Georges. Mrs. Spare was a sister of the late T. T. Enos and was for many years a resident of Odessa where her beautiful christian character made her greatly respected and beloved by all with whom she came in contact.

On Tuesday evening a daring attempt at robbery was made at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Allen on Main St. Miss Brockson who resides with Mrs. Allen, was awakened during the night by a slight noise, and looking out saw that two men were trying to effect an entrance into the house. The men finding they were discovered beat a hasty retreat but were tracked a short distance. No clew has yet been discovered as to who the would be burglars were.

The festival held in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evening by the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church was a complete success in every particular. The weather though slightly cool, was propitious and the music furnished by the Townsend Band was a very great attraction. The room was beautifully decorated with flowees and with the national colors and together with the lovely tables and attrative waitresses presented a charming appearance. A noticable feature was the unusually large number of visitors from the adjoining towns.

PORT PENN.

Darrah Cleaver was in town on Sunday.

John B. Vandegrift has the first local strawberries.

Shad fishing is about over now, and fishermen pay undivided attention to the sturgeon, which are more profitable.

L. C. Vandegrift, Esq., with his family, drove down from Wilmington on Sunday, and spent the day at Mt. Airy with Abram Vandegrift.

The Methodist Sunday School will hold a strawberry festival this week on Friday and Saturday evenings, 24th and 25th, in the school house.

Mrs. L. Lord arrived on Saturday and is paying a visit at Ivy Lodge with Mrs. Dr. Stewart. She will remain in the neighborhood for some days visiting friends.

Some small boys here were over heard discussing the works of creation and providence. One who had evidently been well taught in Sunday School asserted that "God made everything; He made grass grow, the trees grow" etc. Another more skeptical put in "Well the devil always makes taters grow, anyhow."

Drs. A. H. Glennan and A. B. McDowell entertained a party of ladies and gentlemen very pleasantly at the station on the 20th; among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittock and Danie Corbit, of Odessa; Rev. L. A. Oates and Miss Alice Clark, of Delaware City; Mrs. H. Hall, and Miss Florence C. Hall, of Port Penn; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cleaver, of McDonough.

Killed on the Rail.

Jonathan T. Nevill a carpenter, aged 69 years, residing at Kirkwood, was killed on the Delaware rail road, near the canal bridge, early Tuesday morning. He was on his way to work on a new barn he was building, on the farm of Henry Carr, and did not observe the approaching train, behind him until it was upon him. His mangled body was taken up by the train's crew, and conveyed to his home at Kirkwood. He leaves a wife and several children.

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Eyesight Had Become Dim

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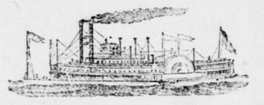

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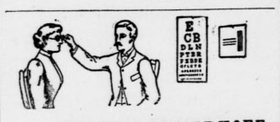

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 25, 1895.

Agricultural.

Of Interest .....To Farmers

Reassessment in Maryland.

Maryland gives promise of being stirred politically this year as not before for a long time. The agriculturist too begins to feel that it is time he should take a hand, and the subject that interests him is "reassessment." Perhaps the "leven" may work its way over the line into Delaware, for the inequality and injustice of Delaware assessments are proverbial. It cannot be otherwise under the system. With a Constitutional Convention in view farmers should begin to discuss the question that they may know what changes to propose in the laws when the Convention meets. It is not too early to begin now.

The *Kent News* has the following interesting synopsis of an address delivered before the Deer Creek Farmers' club by ex-Senator Thomas G. Hayes, of Baltimore, recently. He said in part:

The overwhelming and paramount issue in state affairs, one in which all the people of every part of our State are most deeply interested, is reassessment and a reform in our system of taxation.

"The cry for relief from unjust, unequal and excessive taxation comes from every hamlet, village, town and city all over our State, as well as from the farmers, who, amidst the green fields, from early morn till late at night, toil to earn a scanty living from the soil they cultivate. The sturdy mountaineer from his mountain home joins in the same cry for relief as do the dwellers in the verdant plains below; the same wail is borne along the slopes which lead to the sea, until it is caught up by the thrifty fisherman and people of the tidewater, and their prayers for relief, as they ascend to Heaven, are by the inland breezes wafted back to the crest of the mountains from which they came.

"The people of Maryland, irrespective of party, creed or calling, are demanding relief from unfair and unequal burdens of taxation. It is not taxes of which they complain. These they are willing to pay if they are necessary to support their government economically and honestly administered. It is the robbery imposed on them because of a defective system by which their hard earned money is taken from their pockets to pay another man's taxes. They say give us equality in taxation.

"Let there be no favored classes, who with their wealth locked in strong boxes laugh at our entreaty for releif from the payment of their taxes. This they are determined to have. Woe betide the man who, with glittering generalities, evasive terms or deceitful promises attempts to fool the people on the vital issue. To-day more than half the wealth of this State pays no taxes. To-day less than half the wealth of this State pays it own taxes and the taxes of the part which escapes.

"Well may the people of this State be restive under such conditions. Less causes have brought on revolution with its bloody reign of terror. Marylanders propose no less a revolution now, although it is to be by the peaceful methods of the ballot.

"If a highwayman meets me on one of your public roads and demands of me my money or my life, and reason by of his superior force I surrender to him my purse, you visit upon him, if caught the severest penaltry of the law. If under a so-called system of law the tax collector demands of me my money to pay the taxes of my neighbor and I yield to the force of the form of law which backs the demand is there any difference in the result? In both cases wrongfully I have had my property taken by one, or for the benefit of one who has no right to it. This is the cause of the people's grievance."

Senator Hayes then discussed at length how reassessment and a new system would relieve the overburdened masses and bring an equitable distribution of the burdens of government. Then he passed to the consideration of the proposition in which he asserted that the farmers and the owners of the homes in Baltimore were the chief sufferers from our present system of taxation. On this subject he said:

"Everything the farmer has is taxed—his land, his horse, his cows, his plows, and, indeed you can't go on a farm and find anything that is not taxed. There taxes paid by the farmer can't be shifted to the product, as is done in other pursuits where the consumer pays the taxes. The price of the farmer's wheat and corn is fixed by the gold standard in the markets of the world. The price is not by high or low local taxes. Again the fact that all taxes are placed on land results in depriving land of its market value. Land to-day is a drug on the market. It is, as was said by another, like a hicked coin—it won't pass; it has the ear-mark of the lien of taxes, which deprives it of its currency in the markets of the country. The rural districts are becoming depopulated, cities overcrowded and farmers struggling under high taxes and heavy debts to feed themselves and loved ones at home. Capital shuns land as an investment and seeks that form of property which wrongfully escapes its share of taxes."

PENINSULA PEACH CROP.

The *News and Advertiser*, of Milford, whose editor has a prospect of from 6,000 to 8,000 baskets of peaches, and who is excellent authority on the peach and fruit culture generally, in Saturday's issue, May 18th, says:

"Reports of damage to the peach crop of the Peninsula continue to be received. The young fruit is now the size of a large cherry, and is more in evidence than a week ago. While the dsmage was undoubtedly great, it is not so general as reported last week. Then some careful growers who reported only a few live buds on their orchards—"perhaps enough for one-tenth of a crop," as they expressed it, "now say that if all the young fruit on their trees matures, they will have from one-third to one-half a crop." So much for the least promising trees in this section.

Those who one week ago reported enough live peaches on their trees for a crop now find that if one-third or one-half remain the trees will break down with the weight of their fruit.

The damage to peaches appears to be greatest along the bayshore and from five to seven miles inland from the shore. East of Milford there will propably be full crops, while west of this town the trees are generally well laden. The heavier the land the fewer the peaches, as a rule

In the vicinity of Houston the crop is promising. The orchards of Isaac S. Truitt, H. L. Hynson and D. Henry Frazier are full of peaches.

The writer, in company with Col. M. H. Davis, who is a peach expert, took a drive into the heavy peach section south of Milford on Wednesday, May 15th, in order to verify rumors of loss there. Reports said that there were no peaches in the large orchards of W. I. Simpson, George H. Hall, and Col. Woodall. A close examination of all varieties in these orchards developed the fact that the trees held enough young fruit for from one-third to one-half a full crop. Continuing the drive from Shawnee to Lincoln, and thence returning to Milford east of the railroad, the writer found every tree loaded with fruit. Even the sassafras and persimmon bushes gave promise of producing peaches, and Col. Davis declared that he had never seen more fruit on the same quantity of wood. His only complaint was that the trees, of all varieties, had many more peaches than they could mature in good size.

F. A. Whitehead's orchard of 12,000 trees, at Lincoln, was literally loaded with peaches. Many trees had five times enough peaches for a full crop.

Charles H. Jackett's 10,000 trees (Lincoln) were not quite so full, but could easily spare two-thirds of the young fruit. Charles Barker's orchards and those of J. B. Gilchrist, near town, were seen from the road to be heavily set with fruit."

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A JURIST TESTIFIES.

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Our Woman's .....Column

Revolt of the Mothers.

LET us draw a word picture of an old-fashioned girl, such as there used to be before a Woman's College was conceived of. She received a good education in the common branches; after that she very likely went to a boarding school and was taught some of the accomplishments. When she came home her wise mother inducted her into the mysteries of home making in all its departments. She must know how to cook and mend, she must be able to show an ignorant servant how to do her work, and when, as is often the case, there is no servant at hand, she must do the work herself. A girl with such a training is a host in her self. No domestic cyclone can disturb her serenity. Knowledge is power. She feels that home is her sphere, and wields her sceptre with dignity.

There is another picture at hand. It is of the girl of the period. She is not content with such an education as her mother received. A college training is the fad now, and go to college she must. With a three years' preparatory course and four years in college, she comes out a thoroughly educated girl, as far as books go.

Sometimes her knowledge so sets her above her mother and the home that she is utterly dissatisfied with the old surroundings. She must make a way for herself. Various avenues are open to her, but she has to push and jostle her way to success, for it means competition with men as well as with women.

This develops an aggressive and self-assertive spirit in which the womanly qualities are lost, or, if not lost, so buried as to need a resurrection trump to bring them to life again. Many avenues whereby woman may support themselves are open to the sex now, but, as said before, success in those lines means struggle, and struggle develops aggressive qaalities.

It cannot be otherwise. And that aggressiveness asserts itself in the home. The mother is old-fashioned in her ideas. The daughter has the fresher, newer knowledge, and is apt to think she knows more than her mother.

I do not wish to be understood as depreciating college training; but training should not end there. I remember hearing a lady in a noted college town say that she thought the college course should be supplemented by a two years' course in domestic training, and that by another two years in a school for manners; for the average college girl had no home training and very bad manners. Upon that remark I set myself to watch the college girls, and I must say her last remark at any rate was true.

It may be that the intense aggressiveness and the free and easy manners of the girl of to-day are only a swing of the pendulum from the kept-at-home and mothered girl of the former period. And perhaps the extreme to which the pendulum swings will be its own corrective, but the mothers cannot afford to ignore the present tendency.

It may not be time for a revolt, but it certainly is a time to look carefully at the tendency, and see if a wise detaining hand and a little careful direction cannot supplement the college training and turn the restless, aggressive energy into the legitimate lines of home-making and keeping.

A friend has said, "College training gives women broader views and takes them outside the petty cares and frictions of life." But the petty cares of life are the lot of many women. If college training will help them in the discharge of their duties and make them better equal to the emergencies of life then let us encourage it. But at the same time, the old-fashioned mothers must assert their old-fashioned ideas and insist upon home training and home culture to be as necessary as the college curriculum.

If mothers will take that position and maintain it there will be no need of revolt. Mothers still have power enough if they will use it, and a larger, wider culture, embracing the intellect and the heart, the head and the hands, will be the result.

NELLIE B. PARKHURST.

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The coming woman won't thrash her children; she won't have any.

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An exchange suggest that pneumatic sleeves would be timely and an invention that every woman would invest in.

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The ladies used to wear "leg of mutton" sleeves. Nothing less than a hind quarter of a beef would describe the one now in vogue.

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SOMETIME.

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Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned,
And sun and stars forevermore have set,
The things which our weak judgments here have spurned,
The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,
Will flash before us, out of life's dark night,
As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue;
And we shall see how all God's plans are right,
And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh,
God's plans go on as best for you and me;
How, when we called, he heeded not our cry,
Because his wisdom to the end could see.
And e'en as prudent parents disallow
Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if sometimes commingled with life's wine
We find the wormwood we rebel and shrink,
Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine
Pours out this potion for our lips to drink;
And if some friend we love is lying low,
Where human kisses cannot reach his face,
O, do not blame the loving Father so,
But wear your sorrow with obedient grace!

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath
Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend,
And that, sometimes, the sable pall of death
Conceals the fairest boon his love can send.
If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery could find a key.

But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart!
God's plans like lines pure and white unfold.
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if, through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we will say, "God knew the best!"

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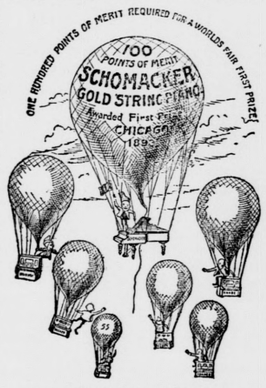

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SOUTHWARD.

	EXP. P. M.	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MA'L P M
Philadelphia	11.16	‡7 25	‡10.20	‡2 02	‡3 46	‡5:59
Baltimore	7.43	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00	5:27
Wilmington	12.01	8 13	11.03	2.50	4.27	6:53
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2.58		
New Castle		8 27		3 03		7:05
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08		f7:10
Bear		f8.38		f 3.13		7:15
Porter		8 40			4.48	7:21
Kirkwood		8.52	a11 33	f 3.21		7:26
Mt. Pleasant		9.03		f 3.30		f7:34
Armstrong		f 9 06				7:38
Middletown	12.44	9 13	11.49	3.39	5 11	7:43
Townsend		9 22		f 3.48	5.20	7:52
Blackbird		f 9.27		f 3.52		f7:57
Gr'n Spring		f 9 33		f 3.58		f8:03
Clayton	1 02	9 40	12 06	4.05	5 33	8:08
Smyrna .LV		9 50	11.56	3.52	5 23	7:58
Brenford		f9 45		f 4.10		f8:13
Cheswold		f9.51		f 4.16		f8:19
Dupont				f 4.19		
Dover	1.20	10 04	12 22	4 26	5 53	8:28
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.11	f12 28	4 33	5.58	8:34
Woodside		f10 18		f 4.40		
Viola		f10 22		f 4.45		
Felton	a 1.40	10 27	f12 39	4 49	6.10	
Harrington	1.53	10 41	12.53	5.03	6.20	
Farmington		f10 47	a 1 00		f 6.28	
Greenwood		f10.55	a 1.07		f 6.36	
Bridgeville	a 2 14	11.03	f 1.15		6.45	
Cannons		f11 08			f 6.50	
Seaford	f 2.26	11 18	1 26		6.58	
Laurel	a 2.38	11.29	f 1 36		7.09	
Delmar	2.50	11.39	1 46		7.20	
	a m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			‡8 05	‡2 26	‡3.35
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	2.56	3.46
Seaford	1.34			8 29	f 2 46	4.00
Cannons				f 8 37		f 4.08
Bridgeville	p 1 48			8 43	f 2 58	4.15
Greenwood				f 8.51		f 4 23
Farmington				f 8 59		f 4:31
Harrington	2 22		‡8.05	9 13	3 20	4:44
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.22	f 3.30	4:53
Viola			f 8.18	f 9 27		f 4:58
Woodside			f8 22	f 9 31		f 5:01
Wyoming	2:44	‡7 05	f8 29	9 38	f 3 41	5:09
Dover	2.50	7.11	8 35	9 45	3 47	5:.6
Dupont		f7 14				
Cheswold		f7 20		f 9 51		f 5:25
Frenford		f7 24		f9 59		f 5:30
Smyrna .LV		7.19	8 42	9 55	3 52	5:28
Clayton	3.06	7.29	8 52	10 06	4.02	5:36
Gr'n spring		f7 33				5:40
Blackbird		f7.39		f10 15		f 5:46
Townsend		7 44	9 06	10 20	4.15	5:51
Middletown	3.29	7.53	9 15	10.29	4 21	6:02
Armstrong		f7.57				f 6:06
Mt Pleasant		8.01		f10 37		6:10
Kirkwood		8.09		10 46		6:21
Porter		8 15	9 31	10 54	4 41	6:27
Bear		f8.20		f10 56		6:31
State Road		f8 25		f11 01		6:35
New Castle		8.31	9.45	11 07		6:40
Farnhurst		f8.36	9 50	f11.12		
Wilmington	4 15	8 43	9.58	11 20	5 05	6:53
Baltimore	6.26	10 37	11.15	12 35	6 58	8:40
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12 46	5.52	7:51
	a m.	a m.	a m.	p m.	p m.	p m.

‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent, or on signal.

"‖" Stops to leave passengers from Middle town and points south.

"†" Stops to let off passengers from points south of Harrington.

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Express trains leaving Harrington 8.05 a. m., and arriving at 6.20 p. m., week-days, run through solid to and from Baltimore, via Porter and Newark.

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Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes at 10.46 a. m , 6.25 p. m , week-days Returning, leave Lewes 7.35 a. m., 3.07 p. m., week-days.

For Berlin, leave Harrington 10.46 a. m., and 6.25 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Berlin, 6.59 and 11 54 a m., week days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.25 a. m., and 5.25 p. m., week days. Returning, leave Centreville 6.50 a. m., and 1.30 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 5.45 a. m., and 5.40 p. m., week